In addition, the reassessment studies have also indentified 56 sites for Pumped Storage Schemes (PSS) with total probable installation of about 94,000 MW.

Studies were also carried out by CEA during 1988—96 for assessment of Small Hydel Potential (SHP) upto 15 MW installed capacity. Based on the above, small hydel potential of the country had been assessed as about 6782 MW in terms of installed capacity from 1512 schemes. The matter relating to development of Small Hydel Potential upto 25 MW capacity is in the purview of Ministry of Non-conventional Energy Sources. MNES have indicated the potential installed capacity of 10,324 MW from 4,233 schemes in the country.

Financial crisis of SEB in Andhra Pradesh

875. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of financial status of the State electricity Board in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether Andhra Pradesh State Electricity Board is facing financial crisis; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government in the last three years to help the State to tide over the situation?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) Government of Andhra Pradesh has restructured its State Electricity Board under Andhra Pradesh Electricity Reforms Act, 1998 by creating Generation, Transmission and Distribution Companies.

As per the data compiled by PFC, income and expenditure of.these Power Utilities of Andhra Pradesh for the year 2003-04 is as under:

(Rs. Crores)

State	Utility	Total Income	Total Expend.
ANDHRA PRADESH	APCPDCL	3912	4632
	APEPDCL	1576	1799
	APGENCO	4209	4197
	APNPDCL	1233	1539
	APSPDCL	2015	2413
	APTRANSCO	9553	9317
	TOTAL	22498	23897

(b) The excess of expenditure over income of the power utilities of Andhra Pradesh without taking into account subsidy and taxes was Rs.2948 crores in 2001-02. This was Rs.1399 crores in 2003-04.'

(c) The Government of India has initiated various steps to revive the poor financial health of SEBs/Power Utilities. The Ministry of Power has signed Memorandum of Understanding(MoU)/Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) with States on power sector reform envisaging support of Central Government subject to States progressing satisfactorily on agreed reform agenda. The Union Government, in order to help the State utilities is providing funds to States under Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme (APDRP) for investment in identified distribution areas for, *inter-alia,* reducing technical losses and improving the quality of supply and also for incentivising, through grants, reduction of cash losses. Past debts of SEBs due to Central Public Sector Undertakings have been securitised under tripartite agreements.

APDRP has two components. Under incentive component, assistance is provided as full grant to a State equivalent to 50% of the reduction in operating cash losses of power utility(ies). A grant of Rs.265.11 crores has been released to Andhra Pradesh as incentive during 2003-04 under APDRP. Under the investment Component an amount of Rs. 566.17 crores has been released to State since year 2002-03.

Besides this, Rs. 40.44 crores (approx.) have also been provided to power utilities of Andhra Pradesh through Power Finance Corporation under Accelerated Generation & Supply Programme in last three years.

Generation of Power in thermal power sector

†876. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that nearly 80 per cent of power production in the country is done in thermal power sector;

(b) if not, the facts in this regard;

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.